



# City Update

News and Information for City of Saint Paul Employees

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## Lt. Governor Pledges Support For Como Park's Education Resource Center

Lieutenant Governor Mae Schunk recently pledged her support for the new Education Resource Center at the Como Park Campus.

On Monday, June 21, Lt. Gov. Schunk was the honored guest at the Como Park Conservatory and Zoo.

The Lt. Gov. was on a fact-finding tour to assess the need for a new Education Resource Center.

During her visit she toured the Conservatory, Japanese Garden and Main Zoo Building. Staff on hand to greet the Lt. Governor included Vic Wittgenstein, acting Parks and Recreation Department superintendent; Victor Camp, Como Zoo director; Roberta Sladky, Como Conservatory manager; Janet Dieterich, Como Park Campus Development coordinator; and Barbara Johnson, attorney and government relations volunteer.

Como Zoo, Conservatory and Education staff and volunteers all played a role in showing Lt. Governor Schunk the incredible assets of Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, and the need for an Education Resource Center.

The Resource Center Project will be housed in three buildings -- a holding building for animals that are not on display and currently housed in the basement of the Main Zoo Building; a remodeled WPA era Main Zoo building that will be converted into staff offices; and a new Resource Center structure that will be home to classrooms, a restaurant, auditorium, exhibits, gift shops and public rest rooms.

During the 1999 legislative session, the Minnesota Legislature granted Como Park Conservatory and Zoo \$3.9 million in phase one dollars for the design and construction of the new Education Resource Center. During the 2000 legislative session, Como Park and the City of Saint Paul will request \$21 million in additional bonding funds to complete the Education Resource Center.



*During her tour of the Como Park Campus, Lt. Governor Mae Schunk met with Hana Jaitnerova, Como Conservatory intern from the Czech Republic. Hana is a participant in the University of Minnesota's Minnesota Agriculture Student Trainee program.*

photo by Roberta Sladky

*Saint Paul*  
Celebrating 150 Years



## Spotlight on Wellness

### **Teddi Hayes** **Payroll Systems Technician** **Financial Services Office**

Teddi came to the City of Saint Paul over 20 years ago. During her tenure, she began to notice the bar on the weight scale creeping up. But as her position became more responsible (read, STRESSFUL!!!), she saw an unhealthy increase in her weight. By the time she decided to get serious about it, she had put on 50 pounds, and most of that since 1993.

Teddi's doctor explained the necessity of managing her body weight with aging. In April of 1998, in the guise of lending support to her daughter, Teddi joined Weight Watchers. It helped raise her awareness of the health choices she was making on a daily basis: how much activity was she getting, how much water was she drinking, how much and (more importantly) what types of food was she eating? She started reading nutrition labels for information on calories, fat grams and fiber content. And, she started walking every day with friends at work or with family around her neighborhood.

Although Teddi had set a long range goal to lose the extra weight she had gained, she discovered it was important for her to keep her motivation strong by setting smaller, more

manageable goals along the way. Getting support on a regular basis from her Weight Watchers group, her doctor, her family, and a group of co-workers was also essential. In the past year, Teddi has lost 40 pounds. And she feels great!

Teddi says changing her lifestyle to incorporate more exercise and better eating habits has produced many unintended benefits as well. The process of making conscious changes gave her something besides work to focus on. She finds that, with increased exercise, she is able to release a lot of stress and, in general, feels a lot less fatigued. And exercising with a companion provides quality time for socializing! Now she wants to turn her attention to strengthening and toning.

One tip that Teddi found useful working in an office environment: she made a rule that she could only eat at work if she was sitting down. That solved the problem of "grazing" from candy dishes on desks and counters!

Congratulations, Teddi!



## Street Basketball at its Best – Register Now for Gus Macker Tournament

The 11th annual Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will take place in downtown Saint Paul on Aug. 21 and 22. Recruit your team of four players and get ready for a weekend of fun. Registration deadline is July 30.

The Gus Macker 3-on-3 is grass roots, "in your face" street basketball at its best. Teams are computer matched in competition divisions by age, height and playing experience. Age groups range from 10 and under to 40 and over, with both men's and women's competition.

A registration fee of \$92 guarantees each team of

four at least three games. Each team member receives a Gus Macker Tournament t-shirt and an official tournament water bottle compliments of event sponsor Great Clips. Net proceeds from the tournament go to Night Moves, a late-night education, sports and recreation program aimed at keeping high risk teens and young adults in the gym and off the streets.

To register, pick up a brochure at any of the 95 area Holiday Station stores, call (651) 266-6400 and request a brochure, or register online at [www.stpaul.gov/parksrec/macker](http://www.stpaul.gov/parksrec/macker).





## Mayor's Office Kicks Off Book Drive

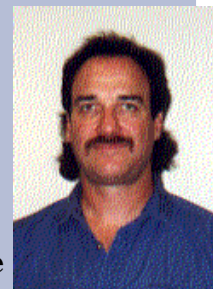
The Mayor's Office is kicking off a book drive for the Saturn School to help staff welcome new families whose children will enter Saturn this fall. Saturn School staff will begin home visits to welcome new families with information and resources, including the Saint Paul Resident Guide. To stress the importance Saturn and the City place on reading, school staff would like to include a book for each new student. New books may be dropped off in the Mayor's Office or the Citizen Service Office between now and August 15.

## Volunteers Needed for Saturn Partnership

The City would like to expand its partnership with the Saturn School next year and involve more employees in a variety of activities. Staff at Saturn are willing to match employees time availability and interests with needs at the school. If you would like to get involved, please contact Megan Ryan at 266-8539.

## Employee Spotlight

Terry Haltiner has been selected to be the Labor Relations Manager for the Office of Labor Relations. Terry will be the senior staff member of the Office while the search for a new Labor Relations Director is completed.



Deputy Mayor Susan Kimberly said Terry's knowledge of pensions and other employee benefits, his financial and costing expertise, his understanding of the labor contracts and his strong negotiating skills make him an excellent addition to the Labor Relations team.

Terry has been a city employee since 1987. For the first 10 years, he worked in the Risk Management Division of the Department of Technology and Management Services. For the last two years, he has worked in the Budget Section of the Office of Financial Services. Terry has been an active participant in labor contract negotiations for most of that time.

## Seeking Employees for City Update Spotlight

Do you know an employee who deserves special recognition? We are seeking those who go above and beyond the call of duty to do their job, improve the work place, the city or the lives of others. Please provide names to Jodi Ellwood at 266-8528 or [jodi.ellwood@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:jodi.ellwood@ci.stpaul.mn.us)

## Community



### Leading the Way to Y2K!

Mayor Norm Coleman Invites You To  
A Y2K Community Conversation

*featuring*

John Koskinen, chair of the President's Council  
on Year 2000 Conversion  
State and local government officials  
Business leaders  
Community organizers

**Wednesday, July 21, 1999**

**7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**Great American History Theatre  
30 East 10th Street**

**(Science Museum Annex -- Cedar St. and East 10th St.)  
Downtown Saint Paul**

- Learn about Y2K readiness efforts
- Receive tips on how to prepare
- Share your concerns
- Get your questions answered

For more information, visit [www.stpaul.gov/y2k](http://www.stpaul.gov/y2k)  
or call 651/266-8528.



Each week a trivia question about the history of Saint Paul will appear in City Update with answers provided in the following issue.

### July 2 Trivia Question

**Q: Which building is taller -- the State Capitol or the St. Paul Cathedral?**

### June 18 Trivia Question & Answer

**Q: When did the first car assembled at the Ford Motor Company plant in Saint Paul run off the assembly line?**

**A: May 4, 1925**

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## Pioneer Party Calendar

Join in Saint Paul's 150th birthday celebration. Stop by these upcoming parties:

### Saturday, July 10

The Red Balloon Book Shop

### Saturday, July 10

Miner Days

### Sunday, July 11

Como "Pops" Orchestra  
Como Lakeside Pavilion

### Wednesday, July 14

Cosmic Charlie's

**For information on  
Saint Paul's  
Pioneer Parties,  
visit the  
City's Web page  
([www.stpaul.gov](http://www.stpaul.gov))**

## Job Openings as of July 2, 1999

Application Deadline	Job Title	Bi-Weekly or Hourly Salary Rate	Exam Date
07/16/99	Citizen Service Analyst	\$1133.76	Quals
07/12/99	Civil Engineer I	\$1380.08	TBN
Open	Clerk -Typist II	\$867.58	TBN
Open	Communications Technician	\$1359.09	Quals
Open	Communications Technician Trainee	\$1111.53	Quals
Open	Engineering Aide II	\$1057.74	TBN
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst I	\$1139.99	Quals
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst II	\$1326.60	Quals
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst III	\$1470.98	Quals
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist I	\$1030.42	Quals
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist II	\$1089.46	Quals
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist III	\$1326.60	Quals
Open	Library Associate ( <b>part-time</b> )	\$1086.23	Quals
Open	Park Aide ( <b>seasonal/part-time</b> )	\$6.88 per hr	Quals
Open	Recreation Leader ( <b>part-time</b> )	\$8.08 per hr	Quals
Open	Ticket Sellers - River Centre ( <b>part-time</b> )	\$5.50 per hr (in training)	TBN

**\*\*This is a walk-in examination. Do not submit a job application before the test.** Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources at 400 City Hall Annex to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Phone: (651) 266-6500 (TTY/TDD (651) 266-6501). For jobs announced after June 24, please call the 24-hour job line, (651) 266-6502.